### SENATOR SCOTT'S STATUS

The McGraw Protest Considered by the Senate Committee.

Arguments Made in Behalf of the Remonstrauts - A Grave Constitu-Tional Question Alleged to Be Involved-C. J. Faulkner Maintains the Regularity of the Election.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate heard argument of counsel vesterday in the case of John T. drawn by them. McGraw and members of the Legislature of West Virginia against Senator Nathan B. Scott, of that State. The remoustrants were represented by Judge Holt, of We't Virginia: Henry N. Russell, Frank L. Welles, Claude N. Bennett, and J. C. Welles. Senator Scott was represented by former. Senator Charles J. Faulkner of West Virginia. The day was consumed in the hearing, and at 6 o'clock the committee of the commit tee went into executive session. The members will be furnished with a state-Upon this the committee will deing only on the law points involved, the opposing counsel being agreed on many of the facts,

The opening argument, was made by Judge Holt. The first contention was that Senator Scott did not receive a majority of the votes of the joint assembly of West four widows and seven daughters, Virginia Se said that the record shows upon its face that the Legislature of We t Virginia consisted of ninety-seven memand that Senator Scott received but and 3,885 widows. forty-eight votes. He held that two of the votes cast for Senator Scott were of State senators who had vacated their offices by one in the Vol-

accepting military commissions in the Vol-unter Army of the United States. The point dwelt on by counsel was that the acceptance by Mesurs. Gatzendanner and Pierson of offices of emalument under A COURT OF APPEALS PROPOSED. the Government of the United States vacated their offices as State senators. Counsel cited a number of authorities to sustain this point, quoting at some length from the report of the Committee on the Judiof the House of Representatives the case of Gen. Joseph Wheeler of Ala-

During a recess of the legislature, Gatzendanner and Pierson resigned their military commissions and re-entered the State senate. There having been two vacancies created by the gentlemen upon their acceptance of military commissions, these men could not again fill those vacancies simply by their individual acts. The Lex-Islature of West Virginia voted that Gatzendanner and Pierson were entitled to their scats, but that decision, said counsel for the remonstrants, was not final, as a constitutional question was involved. The Senate of the United States was asked to construe the constitution of West Virginia and to determine the qualification and returns of its own members. Counsel brought forward numerous authorities to sustain the contention that the Senate of the United States could go behind the retrue of a State legislature.

Judge Helt said: "There is no question whatever that the United States Senators must be elected by the State legislatures. The joint assembly in the legislature. The language of the net of 1866 in requiring a majority of the votes of the joint assembly must be uivalent to requiring a majority of the gislature. The act does not say or mean majority of votes cast, but a majority

It is the universal rule of law applying to all hadies composed of a definite num-ber, formed for the purpose of doing a definite thing, that a majority of the whole is recuired, although a majority, where notice is given to all, may transact busi-ness by a vote which represents the entire The common-law rule in such cases was that in such a body all must be actually present, and in a number of English cases it was held that the absence of the mayor or a single member of a city cousinvalidated may election because later and better rule is that those absent must be considered in determining the question of majority, but that a majority of the body can meet for the transaction

Judge Holt entered upon a discussion of the contention of the remonstrants that the election of Senator Scott is void on the ground that the joint convention was beld under a fraudulent private agreement and not under the statute. He was foi-lowed by Frank L. Welles, who maintained that Senutor Scott at the time of his election as a United States Senstor was an inhabitent of the State in which was elected, as required under the Federal Constitution. He admitted that Sena-tor Scott, at the time of his election, was a citizen of West Virginia. Mr. Welles said n substance that for a great many pur dents" are synonomous. But a very differeat meaning was intended to the word "inhabitant," as used in the Constitution. At the time of his election, Senator Scott was holding a Federal appointive office at Washington, and living in that city.

There is no authority which holds that a person residing in Washington holding an appointive office is an inhabitant of the State from which he came," said Mr. Welles. "All the authorities hold the other way. The contention that this would imprive Senators of the right to re-election is not wound. If a man is elected by his neighbors and those who are co-inhabit ants with him to represent them for a term of years, he retains his inhabitancy because he remains as their agent in conleaves his State under an appointment of eral Government, and inhabits the city of Vashington for an indefinite period, comes

within the constitutional inhibition.

"The office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue has no definite term, and the ocupant of that office, being absent from State for an indefinite period, loses his Inhabitancy.

At the afternoon session of the committee former Senator Faulkner presented the case for Senator Scott. He maintained that the joint assembly met regularly. that 48 votes were cast for Nathan B. Scott, 46 for John T. McGraw, and 1 for Judge Goff. Mr. Faulkner proceeded to liscum the question whether Senator Scott at the time of his election as a United States Senator was an inhabitant of West Virginia. Senator Pettus interted him and told him to pass the point Senator Burrows also said, "Yes, you need not discuss that." This was taken to indicate that the Senators thought the point made by the remonstrants against Senator Scott was not worthy of further

right of the legislature of a State to conme the constitution of that State, so far | The act as it concerns the eligibility of the mem-bers of such legislature, Mr. Faulkner maintained vigorously and eloquently that into the constituent parts of the legislature when the legality of those parts had been determined by the legisla-ture likelf. He defied the remonstrants to cite a single precedent on which the United States Senate or any of its com-mittees could base the action asked for by the remonstrants. Mr. Faulkner discussed at length the points of law involved. In his citation of authorities he was closely followed by the members of the commit-tee present, all of them manifesting a

Hearings on the bill creating a territorial | twelve

WOULD COST \$50,000,000

The Effect of the Passage of the Affer The Commissioner of Pensions has sub-

mitted to Senster Allen an estimate showing an appropriation of about \$50,000,000 would be required to carry out the provisions of the Allen bill, granting a pen-sion to all benorably discharged soldiers and sattors of the late civil war.

The bill proposes to grant a pension of \$10 per month to all unpensioned soldiers and sailors who served in the army or navy of the United States for a period of three months or more, and were honor ably discharged therefrom, and the same amount to all soldiers who served for three months and who are now drawing a pen-sion of less than \$10 a month, the latter sum being in lieu of any pension now

It is estimated that of the 742,242 invalid pensioners on the roll about 720,000 were in the civil war. There are in all 1,022,418 survivors of the civil war, excluding deseriers. At the present time about 312,000 survivors of the civil war are unpensioned. Under the operation of the Allen bill it will require \$37,499,169 annually to pay the hearing, and at 5 o'clock the commit-tee went into executive session. The ceive, in addition to what they now re-tee went into executive session. The ceive, over \$12,000,000 a year, making in members will be furnished with a state-ment of what the remonstrants desire to pension appropriation under this bill.

In response to an enquiry from Senator termine whether it will go into the ques-tions of fact and hear testimony, and to him a statement giving the number of whether it will determine the case by pass-pensioners borne on the rolls of the office pensioners borne on the rolls of the office on account of each of the wars of the United States and giving a brief review of the laws under which they were granted. The statement as to the number of peners is as follow On account of the Revolutionary War,

> War of 1812: One survivor and 1.998 Indian wars, 1832 to 1842; 1,656 survivors

> Mexican war: 9,204 survivors and 8,175 221,555 invalid and 92,901 widows and other dependents, under law of 1890 invalids, 426,912; widows and dependents, 130,228.

The Final Hearing in Pension Case to Be Had Refore Judges.

Within the next few days a bill will be introduced in Congress to provide for the peals which shall take the place of the board of appeals now serving in the office of the Secretary of the Interfor for review-ing the pension cases. This recommen-dation is to take the place of the proposed commission for codifying the pen-sion laws, and will have sion laws, and will have the full sanction of the Pension Committee and of General Shaw, the Commander-in-Chief of the

Grand Army of the Republic.

The bill will provide that the new court of appeals shall have jurisdiction of all pension cases which are appealed from pension cases which are appealed from the Commissioner of Pensions. It is to have the authority of a regular court of law, and will probably consist of three judges. They will hear all appeals and will permit both sides to be represented. The bill will provide for appeal from the court of appeals to the higher courts of the court of appeals to the higher courts of the country only on the certification of the court itself.

The present board of appeals in the Interior Department consists of clerks of the department who are well posted in pension ratters. There is no serious ob-jection to 'his board as it now atands except that it does not possess the required legal authority and is not made up of emi-nent jurists. It is also felt by the comproper court to define them.

#### IN THE HOUSE.

Eloquent Enlogies Pronounced on the Late Representative Baird. The House was in session vesterday

during one hour and twenty minutes. When the journal had been read, Mr. Curon explanation of the joint resolution, the passage of which was necessary, he said, to carry out the original intention of Con-As there was a disposition to dehate the question he withdrew the joint resolution with the understanding that he would call it up on Monday.

The House then proceeded under a spe-

cial order, with Mr. Robertson of Louis-iana in the chair, to pay tribute to the memory of the late Representative Baird of Louisiana. Eulogies were delivered by i Messrs, Stausdell of Louisiana, E4ds of Minnesota, Hartlett of Georgia, Meskison of Ohio, Meyer of Louisiana, Clayton of Alabama, Broussard of Louisiana, and Henry of Texas.

At the conclusion of the address, as a

further mark of respect, the House, at 1:20 p. m., adjourned until Menday.

THE M STREET EXTENSION.

A Bill Introduced in the House by Representative Mudd.

Quite a number of street extension bills have been introduced in the House this session. The last one on this subject was introduced by Mr. Mudd.

It directs the District Commissioners to extend M Street, with a width of ninety feet, from the Bladensburg Road to a point The feet went of the pouthwest boundary of the Benning race course grounds; thence northeast along a proposed avenue of the fourth acction plans of permanent system of highways, to O Street, produced from addition to Kenilworth; thence to the Anacostia Road, provided 77 per cent of the land is donated without cost to the Dis-The bill provides for the usual method of

condemning the land, which is to be paid for out of the revenues of the District. Mr. Cannon Again Chasen.

The Himole delegation in Congress met in cascus yesterday afternoon and named Representative Cannon for membership on the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee. Mr. Cannon has held the position for the past two terms.

Acrears of Taxes in the District.

A bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Pearre, fixing the rate of interes to be collected from persons owing arrearages of general taxes. The proposed 1898, now due, and the liens for which are held by the District of Columbic. The rate Passing to the question of the final in lieu of the rate and penalties now fixed by law, together with all accrued costs.

The Lake Borgne Outlet.

Chairman Bartholdt, of the House Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River has called a meeting of the committee for next Monday morning at it o'clock for the purpose of hearing James Seldon Cowden explain his plaster model of Lower Louisians in reintion to the proposed Lake Borgne outlet.

A Boy Shot to Death.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Ky., Jan. 37. Sam Jones and Henry Maggard engaged in a row at a still house on the Poor Fork their pistols, when Joe Maggard, the twelve-year-old son of Heury Maggard, rushed between them. Jones' pistol went off, the ball going through the boy's heart, killing him instantly. Jones immediately surrendered to the authorities. He claims

Rich Blood

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State of The people are demanding pure beer and their demands for Heurich's Macron, Senate, or Lager of Makes Boy and Heurich's Macron, Senate, or Lager of Macron, Sena of Cumberland River today. They drew PRIVATE REVENUE STAMP covers the form of government for Hawaii were conducted yesterday by the House Committee of Trushed between them. Jones' pistol went off, the hall going through the boy's heart, off, the hall going through the boy's heart, the bill, with some slight amendments, will be reported to the House this week.

### ROBERTS GOING TO LAW

He Proposes to Test the Legality of His Exclusion.

The Case to Be Carried to the Be Plaintiff's Counsel-The Mormon Talks of His Future and Politics.

Brigham H. Roberts stated last night that he would take the matter of his exclusion from membership in the House of Mr. Roberts said he had not determined

Reed was suggested to him as having been the former Speaker of the House had been ensulted in the case. to the recent action of the House of Representatives in excluding him from member-

ship in that body. He said he would re-

main in Washington for a week longer and

then return to his home. "There is but one course for the Governor of Utah to pursue," said Mr. Roberts, "If ippines, If you do not come up to your it is desired that the vacant seat be occupied by a representative of the district to which it is allotted, a new election is neces-sary, and I shall certainly indulge myself in the work of the coming campaign. I ments and wants of the Chinese. It won't which it is allotted, a new election is neces shall do my best to send a Democrat here, and I think it can be done. He will not be disqualified by the House as I was, and we will fill that seat by a man competent to care for the interests of the State of Utah."

RECRGANIZING THE SERVICE

The Weather Bureau Bill to Be Re ported Favorably.

One of the most interesting bills that will shortly come up in the House is the measure reported by Mr. Wadsworth from the Committee on Agriculture which provides for a reorganization of the United States Weather Bureau. One of the features of the bill which has attracted attention is the granting of authority to the employe of the bureau to create, exclusively from their own moneys, a fund for the retire ment of disabled and aged officials, this to be accomplished without one dollar of ex-pense to the Federal Government, and in such a way that at no time in the future can the Federal Government be called on to contribute in any manner to the fund. The report concludes as follows:

"To briefly summarize the salient fea-tures of the proposed law, it may be said that it apportions appointments among Senators, Representatives, and Delegate without regard to their political faith, and it provides that candidates shall be nominated under such conditions as will render it difficult, if not impossible, to affect the permanent appointment or the promotion of an unit person. It prohibits the use of political or other influences to secure pro-motion or assignment. We believe that this measure promoting or ordinates the treemeasure properly co-ordinates the pre-rogatives of Congress and the executive officers of the Government in the matter of the appointment to and the control of mittee that when Congress passes the measure property co-ordinates the pre-mittee that when Congress passes the regarities of Congress and the executive officers of the Government in the matter the laws themselves will be sufficiently of the appointment to and the control of the weather service. It places each empels him to work out his own salvation while the present law leaves this to the will of the executive officer or the rules of a commission. It prohibits the removal of any employe for political reasons, and makes his tenure of office secure se long as his services are advantageous to the Government and no longer. Without one cent of expense to the Government it pro-vides for the separation from the public payrolls of disabled, aged, or only partly the of Kansas asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a joint resolution setting apart \$190,000 of the appropriation for the support of the regular and colunterer army, for the current year, to be used in the construction of a military hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He made as explanation of the leafur resolution that the same time it provides support in their hours of need. The hill is strictly in line with the most advanced ideas on civil service as espoused by many executive officers who "The bill is strictly in line with the most advanced ideas on civil service as sire to maintain either the existing laws on the civil service or an improvement

"The bill is strongly endorsed by the last past department commander of the same District; by the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; by all the large maritime associations of the United States; by the principal boards of trade, cotton exchanges, produce and com-inercial exchanges, vessel masters' asso-ciations, and by the press in every State in the Union, as evidenced by several burdred editorial expressions which the com-mittee has received. Among these edi-torials there are less than a dozen dis-

While allowing commutions to be made by the re-resentatives of the people, the bill provides such a high standard for is once appointed, as to command support of nearly all clauses of people

THE USE OF OLEOMARGARINE.

Interesting Information Furnished the House by Secretary Gage.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterda transmitted to the House, in response to a recent resolution passed by that body call ing for information as to the amount of olcomorgarine shipped into the severa States and Territories during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, a letter setting forth the information in detail. The Secretary's letter discloses the fact that the total amount of oleomargarine shipped during amount \$16,848 pounds were distributed to this city, 1,155,800 pounds in Virginia, and 1,751,250 pounds in Maryland.

Bills of Interest to Laboring Men. Two bills of interest to laboring men were introduced in the House yesterday by Mr. Glynn of New York. One plovides that convict made goods shall not be sold outside the State or Territory where they are made. The other fixes the relaimum compensation to be ,aid by the Government for unskilled labor at \$1.50 per day of eight

House Elections Committee No. 2 yesterday received the report from the sule committee on the Wise-Young contest for the seat from the Second Congressional district of Virginia. The majority re-ported in favor of Mr. Wise, the Republican contestant. The report will probably

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Trade to His Country.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The second anoual dinner of the American Asiatic Association, an organization of merchants in the Oriental trade, took place at Delmoni-

co's last night. Among the guests were Jutaro Komura, the Japanese Minister; Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister; I nited States Supreme Court - A Charles Denby, former Minister to China; Rumor That Thomas B. Reed WIII John Barrett, former Minister to Siam, and Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Caro

Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, was opplanded when he arose to speak. He said n part:

"I am here to protect the interests of my country and my countrymen, but in so do Representatives to the Supreme Court of ing nothing would make me want to hurt the United States in some form yet to be you or your country. My one object in life determined, as the right of a sovereign is to cement and draw closer the happy State to representation in Congress was relations now existing between our respective countries.

"We all know that China is one of the upon the selection of a lawyer to hand a greatest markets of the world, with a pophis case, but when the name of Thomas B. ulation of 460,000,000, who must be fed and clothed and receive the necessaries of life. elected, he refused to affirm or deny that | She wants your wheat, your cotton, your iron and steel, and your manufactured ar ticles of the New England States. She He said that he was not prepared to wants steel rail, electrical machines and make an extended statement with regard one hundred other things that she cannot get at home and must get abroad. It is a fine field for American industry to fill these wants. It is particularly easy for you to reach China on account of the fine high-way you have on the Pacific, and especially desirable that you do so since you have be come our next-door neighbor in the Philown expectations and meet this opportunity

is your own fault.
"Although China wants these things do for you to dump your surplus goods on them, because they won't take them. You must exhibit your goods, because Chinese will not buy on irust, as they must see and be pleased with what they are going to pay their money for.

"Here is another hint. Be more civil to them. Remember they have been brought up in a different way from you, and that in many questions their etiquette differs from that prevalent in Wall Street. Let there be no more browbeating such as has been going on for many years. Civility goes a long way. Deal fairly with them This is no insinuation that you cheat, but don't try to be too sharp. The Chinese have always believed that verbal contracts are binding. They have had so shocking experiences with Americans who held that nothing but a written contract was binding. That question should be looked into. "Above all things else, let me warn you

io be careful how you treat your new sub-jects in the Philippines. I feel .; my duty to warn you as a friend of the United States, who fears that his efforts on your behalf may be frustrated if any unfair advantage is taken of the Filipinos. I know that such actions would cause a general mistrust in all China and ruin all prospects of trade there. You must treat them in a give-and-sake manner, not on the principle of taking all and giving noth

pleased to welcome, in the efforts of the Japanese themselves, the addition of American energy and skill for the work still to be done and the industrial improvements still to be made. He rejoiced that in the President's message and in all the acts of Congress, as well as in the business world, such hearing good will had been shown toward Japan, and insisted that nowhere would American industries be more welcomes than in his country. be more welcome than in his country. Mr. Denby and Mr. Barrett both urged the necessity of necessing our Far East-ern trade, and spoke of the usefulness of our Philippine possessions to that end.

CENSURED BY STUDENTS. The President of the Ini ersity o

Cincinnati Denounced. CINCINNATI, Jan. 27.—The attitude of the students of the University of Cincinnati upon the demand of President Ayres

for the resignation of the entire faculty, has been aggravated by the voluntary res esponsed by many executive officers who have had wide experience in the public by similar action on the part of Prof. E. service, and who are extnest in their de- M. Brown, of the chair of English literature. Two meetings have been held in the university building, one composed of sympathizers with the outgoing professors and the other targety of friends of President Ayers. Pandemonium reigned at both meetings. Miss Amelia Hickenlooper, the daughter of Gan, A. Hickenlooper, was chairman of the anti-Ayers meeting. The purpose was to pass resolutions of symputhy with Prof. Meyers in his resignation and strictures on President Ayers. When the resolution was proposed it was follow ed by a motion to adjourn which was lost

by a close role.

During the demonstrations A ficulty meeting was held in President Ayers' room and shortly after the announcement was made that Prof. Brown, of the chair of English literature and a text-book au-thor of considerable reputation, had also resigned. This was received with wild en-husiasm by the Meyers sympathizers. At the faculty meeting all of the professors were present. President Ayers asked them to sign a pledge to remain in the faculty until the end of the year. They unan-monsty refused, but each assured him on their word of honor they would remain in

ALL CONFLICT AVERTED.

The Fort Ringgold Problem Solved by Secretary Root.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 27. Governor Eay s has received a letter from Secretary Root regarding the recent trouble beween the negro soldiers at Fort Ringgold and the citizens of Rio Grande City gold and the citizens of Rio Grande City bined mills could take the ore convert it Judge Advocate General Lieber has held into Iron, then into steel and then into the that the soldiers are not liable to answer in a State court for the offence alleged. Mr. Root's letter is in part as follows: "I beg to ensure you that I appreclate

the temperate and kindly tone of your letter of December 22, and I am glad to and, upon a careful examination of the papers, that the facts, so far as new ascertained, obviate any occasion for con-flict between the authorities of the State of Texas and the military authori les upon the reservation at Fort Ringgold, for it arrears, by General McKibbiu's despatch, that the occurrences to which he refers cause for the arrests, which he does not purpose to permit, are occurrences which took place on the reservation. Such occurrence, the learned attorney general of your State, in the opinion which you were good enough to transmit to me, dar-ed becember 14, 1839, declares to be withthe exclusive perisdiction of the United States, and not within the jurisdiction of the State of Texas.

"It appears, so far as any papers which have come to my notice are concerned, that no one off the military reservation was wounded or struck by any shot fixed during the occurrences in question, so that no act done on the reserviton took effect off the reservation, and there is, there-fore, no occasion for applying the rule isid down in the numerous and unquestioned cases, which hold that an offence is deemed to be committed where the act takes effect. I beg to assure you that there is no disposition on the part of the military authorities of the United States to inter-fere in any way with the process of the

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A Consolidation of Interests Planned in Ohio CLEVELAND, Jun. 27.-S. W. Croxton, of this city, the largest shareholder in the Pennsylvania Iron and Coat Company, is trying to being about an important cambination. A conference is being held at Canal Dover in which the Reyves Prothers, owners of the iron and boiler industries at Allience: Jakez Reeves, President of the Juny Freyer, owner of the from and M. Berry Freyer, owner of the from and M. Beyer, representing

the Cambridge, Ohio, rolling mill, are participaing. The plan of consolidating all the milis named is looked upon with favor. It is pointed out that the joint holdings of ore faceds of these mills would maintain them for many years. If the combination is formed it will be necessary to build a new steel plant at Canal Dover for the manufacture of steel billets. With it the com-bined mills could take the ore, convert it

SENATOR-ELECT BLACKBURN.

Governor Taylor May Refuse to Sign His Certificate. FRANKFORT, Jan. 21. Former Chief.

ustice Prior as counsel for Senator-elect Blackburn, has formally offered Governor Taylor the report of the legislative seasions at which Blackburn was elected United States Senator, together with a request that a certificate be issued to his elfent. The document has been filed but no official action taken.

crifficate soon will be forthcoming, but overnor Taylor declines to be interviewed opon this point. It is regarded as certain however, that Governor Taylor will no righ his name certifying Blackburn's elec-tion unless forced to do so. His failure to may strengthen Bradley's claim for Blackburn's seat.

PHILIP D. ARMOUR, JR., DEAD. The Millionaire's Son Expires a Santa Barbara, Cal.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Jan. 27.-Philp D. Armour, jr., son of the Chicago millionaire, died here from congestion of the lungs. He left Chicago three weeks ago in excellent health.

Warned of His Borther's Death CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Fred Roe Pratt, attorney, and one of the well-known Pratt twin brothers, died at Manila a few days ago, and instinctive knowledge of his death flashed quicker than the cable's message to the mind of Prank Fay Pratt, the surviving brother. Yesterday a cablegram arrived confirming the premonition.

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O'DONNELL On Sampley, James S. 1808, MicHael, P., beloved son at Mrs. Marin O'Dennell, agred twenty-seven surger.

The trigonic of the family are respectfully invelled to attend his internal from the residence of his mother, 2421 N Street northwest, on Mondry, James T. 25, 1808, at 19, 25 o'bleck at the Requires mass for the reguest of his soni at St. Stephens (R. C.) Church, at 10 o'dleck.

11. REED-On Scientist, January 27, 1860, at 7,45
5. m., FANNIE S. REED, beloved wire of W.
R. Reed, in the thirty-units year of his age.
Fineral from her late feedback, 712 Eighth
Sirect southwest, Monday, January 39, at 2
o'clock p. m. Relatives having its attend. B.

M'DONALD'S BOND NOT READY. The Rapid Transit Railroad Contractor Given Ten Days' More Time. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.-John B. McDonald, whose bid of \$25,660,000 to build the rapid transit underground railroad has been accepted, has been granted an extension of ten days in which to complete his bond of \$5,000,000. Mr. McDonald ex-plained to the satisfaction of President Orr that the ten days originally allowed was not sufficient in which to prepare the necessary papers. Mr. McDonald is organizing a construction company to earry

THE DUKE OF TECK'S FUNERAL Impressive Services Conducted in St.

George's Chapel. LONDON, Jan. 27. The Unite of Teck was buried today in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. The ceremonies were very impressive and all the members of the royal family were present.

Prof. Phelps Stronger.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 27 .- E. J. Phelps, former Minister to England, who is seriously ill with pneumonia of his home here, passed a comfortable vigit and this morning appeared to be slightly

SPECIAL NOTICES. OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OFFICE OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND Potomac Telephone Company—A dividend of \$1 per share will be payable on the 29th day of January, 1900, to the stockholders of record at the close of business on the 19th of January, 1900, at the office of the treasurer of the company, \$19 Fourteenth Street northwest, Washington, D. C.

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